



Sheila Dow Ford announces run against U.S. Rep. Tim Holden for 17th Congressional District

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Members of Congress are sworn in at the U.S. Capitol. Harrisburg attorney Sheila Dow Ford will challenge Congressman Tim Holden for the Democratic nomination in the state's May 18 primary.

Harrisburg attorney **Sheila Dow Ford** formally announced her candidacy for Congress Thursday at the state Capitol.

Dow Ford will challenge **U.S. Rep. Tim Holden** for the Democratic nomination in the state's May 18 primary to represent the district that includes Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill counties, and parts of Berks and Perry counties.

Dow Ford is a former member of the State Board of Education and past president of the United Way of the Capitol Region and the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg. She is also a co-founder of the **Sylvan Heights Science Charter School** in Harrisburg.

Dow Ford called health care reform "the most critical issue of our time" and blasted Holden for not supporting the current reform proposal before Congress. She also railed against his "no" vote on a plan to help families restructure their mortgages as irresponsible.

"He showed willful ignorance about the plight of his constituents," Dow Ford said.

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